

REMARKS

Prior to this Amendment, Claims 1-13 were pending in the application. Claims 1-5 and 7-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Patent Application Publication US 2004/0002326 to Maher in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,839,435 B1 to Ijima et al.; and Claims 6 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Patent Application Publication US 2004/0002326 to Maher in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,839,435 B1 to Ijima et al., and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,500,070 B1 to Tomizawa et al.

As indicated above, Claims 1 and 7 have been amended. No new matter has been presented. Claims 1-13 are now pending, with Claims 1 and 7 as independent Claims.

Regarding the §103(a) rejection of Claims 1 and 7, which have been amended to recite, “mobile terminal for downloading a game having a gameplay mode that a user can play in an offline mode, in which the game does not communicate with a mobile game server, over a communication channel, playing the downloaded game in the offline mode,” these Claims are not taught, disclosed, or suggest by Maher and Ijima et al., either alone, or in combination. Although Maher discloses a game application that may be executed locally on a terminal, the disclosed gameplay requires that all user input during the game is transmitted to a game server and, therefore, gameplay cannot occur in an offline mode. (Maher, paragraphs [0028]-[0029]). Therefore, Maher does not teach, disclose, or suggest, a mobile terminal game featuring both offline gameplay and communicating game score and number information with a game server, as claimed in the present invention. Further, Ijima et al. does not cure the deficiencies of Maher. Therefore, Claims 1 and 7 are patentable over Maher and Ijima et al. Accordingly, withdrawal of then rejection of Claims 1 and 7 is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-6 and 8-13 are dependent claims, and are believed to be in condition for allowance for at least the reasons given above with regard to their respective independent Claims 1 and 7.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-13 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

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